



## Togolese Students Studying in the U.S.



Source: 2020 Open Doors Report (published by IIE, funded by the U.S. Department of State)

Change in Students Studying in the U.S. from 2019 to 2020  
**13.2%**

Change in U.S. Study Abroad Students from 2018 to 2019  
**-85.7%**

Source: 2020 Open Doors

## Total Population

**8,608,444**

Population Aged 15-24

**19.03%**

Source: The World Fact Book

## U.S. Study Abroad Students in Togo



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## Top 5 Receiving States

Maryland  
Washington  
Texas  
California  
North Carolina

Source: 2020 Open Doors

## Change in Student Visas Issued from 2018 to 2019

**F 0%**  
**J -19.23%**  
**M 0.0%**

\*Based on fiscal year Oct 1 – Sept 30  
Source: travel.state.gov

## Students in U.S. by Academic Level

	%	Number	% Change (2019 to 2020)
Undergraduate	62.1%	133	16.7%
Graduate	20.6%	44	4.8%
Non-Degree	6.5%	14	-12.5%
OPT	10.7%	23	35.3%

## Students in U.S. by U.S. Institution Type

	%
Associate's (2-year) Colleges	41.5%
Baccalaureate (4-year) Colleges	2.6%
Doctorate-granting Universities	37.9%
Master's Colleges and Universities	14.9%
Special Focus Institutions	3.1%
Public Institutions	78.5%
Private Institutions	21.5%

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- The 13% increase in Togolese students studying in the U.S. is the first in three years.
- The 35% increase this year in the number of students studying via Optional Practical Training (OPT) indicates that Togolese who study in the U.S. complete their degrees. OPT is available to students only after they complete degrees.
- Many students select a 2 + 2 program of study by beginning at community colleges (often with partial scholarships) and completing their degrees at four-year institutions.
- EducationUSA Togo operates the only Opportunity Funds program in a Francophone country. This year's cohort includes a 10% increase in girls interested in STEM fields.





- **Pre-high school (# of years):** 6
- **High school (# of years):** 7
- **Academic year calendar:** September - July
- **Recommended times for U.S. institution visits:** Recommended times are October - mid-November and January – February, as well as April for the International Education Fair. Major school holiday/breaks are Christmas Break (mid-December), Easter Break (mid-March), and annual holidays in January, July, March, and September. The major exam periods are mid-December, mid-March, and June.

## Secondary Education (high school)

- **Language of instruction:** French
- **Years of mandatory English courses:** 7 years
- **Grading system and interpretation:** 0 - 20 scale: Above 17 = Excellent, 16-17 = Very good, 14-15 = Good, 12-13 = Fair-good, 10-11 = Fair, below 10 = Fail
- **Subjects required:** French, Mathematics, English, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, History, Geography, and Spanish or German for 7 years. Philosophy for 1 year.
- **Graduation requirements:** All the above courses are required with an emphasis on some of them, depending on the field of study.
- **Name of school leaving exams:** Baccalaureat du troisième degré
- **How to verify school leaving exams or diploma/certificate/degree:** Through government agency (Office du Baccalaureat)
- **Other credentials:** Not equivalent: BEPC, CAP, BEP (10<sup>th</sup> grade), Certificat de Fin d'Etudes secondaires (represents attendance only)
- **Standardized undergraduate admissions testing availability in-country and adviser recommendations:** SAT and TOEFL

## Structure of University System

- **Years of study required to earn a bachelor's degree:** 3 - 7 years
- **Language of instruction in universities:** French
- **Years of required English instruction in universities:** 1 - 4 years
- **Grading system and interpretation:** Scale of 0 - 20. Same as secondary school grade scale with credit system since 2011.
- **Degrees offered:** License (6 semesters, 180 credits), Master's (4 semesters, 120 credits), and Doctorate (6 semesters, 180 credits)
- **Standardized graduate admissions testing availability / frequency offered in-country:** TOEFL PBT is offered 4 times a year, and TOEFL iBT one or two times a month. GRE is offered twice a year.
- **Study Abroad:** According to UNESCO, the U.S. is the #10 destination for study abroad.

## Educational Authorities and International Education Resources

- EducationUSA advising centers in Togo: U.S. Embassy Lome